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**From:** Leclerc, Russell [Leclerc.Russell@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 9/17/2014 8:25:59 PM  
**To:** Vranka, Joe [vranka.joe@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: ACTION NEEDED by COB 9/17! SF DDs need to answer these questions for upcoming FY 16 Remedial OMB Program Hearing

FY13 # of sites =  
FY13 # of RPMs =

The numbers for FY14, FY15, FY16 were just RPMs correct?

By the way, would you please send me your office directory and RPM site assignments. I'm surprised you reported 9 PRMs in FY14

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**From:** Vranka, Joe  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 17, 2014 1:03 PM  
**To:** Hestmark, Martin; Leclerc, Russell; Murray, Bill; Stavnes, Sandra; DalSoglio, Julie  
**Subject:** RE: ACTION NEEDED by COB 9/17! SF DDs need to answer these questions for upcoming FY 16 Remedial OMB Program Hearing

For the Montana Office:

**FTE Reductions:** Please provide an assessment of the impact of the additional FTE reductions in the Superfund Remedial program including, but not limited to, the following:

- a. The number of Remedial Project Managers in FY 2014, FY 2015, and FY 2016;
  - *The 0.2 FTE reduction from FY2014 to FY2015 for Region 8 will not have a significant impact on the Montana Office other than to extend the impacts from the FY2013 to FY2014 reduction.*
  - *The projected FTE reduction from FY2015 to FY2016 would exacerbate the impacts from the FY2013 to FY2014 reduction.*
  - *The ~7 FTE reduction from FY2013 to FY2014 caused the following impacts for the Montana Office:*
    - ✓ *The Montana Office is operating with 2 fewer Remedial Project Managers, 2 fewer Community Involvement Coordinators, and 1 fewer clerical/support staff position.*
    - ✓ *The RI/FS for the West Side Soils Operable Unit at the Silver Bow Creek / Butte Area Superfund Site has been delayed indefinitely due to the lack of available staff.*
    - ✓ *The Montana Office has reduced its oversight of state-lead cleanups at the Streamside Tailings Operable Unit of the Silver Bow Creek/Butte Area Superfund Site (\$80 million) and the Montana Pole site (\$50 million).*
    - ✓ *The Montana Office currently has sites/operable units without a Remedial Project Manager assigned, including the state-lead Clark Fork River Operable Unit (\$100 million), the EPA-lead Milltown Reservoir Sediments Operable Unit, and state-lead Burlington Northern Livingston Shop Complex proposed NPL site.*
    - ✓ *Further reductions in FTE could significantly impact workload in the Montana Office along with the potential addition of two additional sites to the National Priorities*

*List, including the Smurfit-Stone Mill (currently proposed) and Columbia Falls Aluminum sites.*

- b. The average number of sites assigned to each RPM in FY 2014, FY 2015, and FY 2016;
  - *The average number of sites assigned to each RPM is approximately 1.8 in FY2014, 2.1 in FY2015, and 2.6 in FY2016.*
- c. The impact of the FTE reduction on RPM workload and support.
  - *The impact of the FTE reductions has been a significant increase in RPM workload due to increased site work and reduced support (clerical, technical resources, community involvement support, procurement support, administrative support).*

Please let me know if you have any questions or if you require additional information.

Thank you,

Joe

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**From:** Hestmark, Martin

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 16, 2014 8:09 AM

**To:** Leclerc, Russell; Murray, Bill; Stavnes, Sandra; Vranka, Joe; DalSoglio, Julie

**Subject:** FW: ACTION NEEDED by COB 9/17! SF DDs need to answer these questions for upcoming FY 16 Remedial OMB Program Hearing

**Importance:** High

Can you put together some thoughts on this for consideration.

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**From:** Price, Lisa

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 16, 2014 7:24 AM

**To:** Albright, Rick; Ballotti, Doug; Barmakian, Nancy; Edlund, Carl; Chaffins, Randall; Cohen, Lori; Hestmark, Martin; Hill, Franklin; Jackson, Robert W.; Karl, Richard; LaPadula, John; Lindsay, Nancy; Manzanilla, Enrique; Melvin, Karen; Monell, Carol; Mugdan, Walter; Owens, James T.; Phillips, Pam; Price, Lisa; Rodrigues, Cecil; Stavnes, Sandra; Tapia, Cecilia

**Cc:** Flaks, Art

**Subject:** ACTION NEEDED by COB 9/17! SF DDs need to answer these questions for upcoming FY 16 Remedial OMB Program Hearing

**Importance:** High

Dear Regional Superfund Division Directors and Deputies,

OSRTI needs you all to respond by COB tomorrow, September 17<sup>th</sup> to me with a copy to Art Flaks on the following information request:

**FTE Reductions:** Please provide an assessment of the impact of the additional FTE reductions in the Superfund Remedial program including, but not limited to, the following:

- a. The number of Remedial Project Managers in FY 2014, FY 2015, and FY 2016;
- b. The average number of sites assigned to each RPM in FY 2014, FY 2015, and FY 2016;
- c. The impact of the FTE reduction on RPM workload and support.

OSRTI needs to analyze the submissions and craft a timely and comprehensive response for our OMB examiner.

As background, attached is a table which shows the Regional Remedial FY 13 – 16 FTE levels (note that for the FY 16 OMB request, we are only allowed to share the overall Regional total, not each Region's breakout since these numbers are internal and deliberative).

Respectfully,

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**From:** Flaks, Art

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 16, 2014 8:05 AM

**To:** Price, Lisa

**Cc:** Hill, Franklin; Richardson, RobinH; Giacalone, Kristin

**Subject:** Need quick survey of DDs to answer these questions for upcoming FY 16 Remedial OMB Program Hearing

1. **FTE Reductions:** Please provide an assessment of the impact of the additional FTE reductions in the Superfund Remedial program including, but not limited to, the following:
  - a. The number of Remedial Project Managers in FY 2014, FY 2015, and FY 2016;
  - b. The average number of sites assigned to each RPM in FY 2014, FY 2015, and FY 2016;
  - c. The impact of the FTE reduction on RPM workload and support.

Lisa, could you please send this question out to all of the DDs with a **quick turnaround deadline (due back to you and me by COB tomorrow)**. This way we can analyze the submissions and craft a timely and comprehensive response for our OMB examiner.

As background, I have attached a table which shows the regional Remedial FY 13 – 16 FTE levels (note that for the FY 16 OMB request we are only allowed to share the overall regional total, not each region's breakout since these numbers are internal and deliberative).

I will give you a call shortly to discuss this. Thanks.